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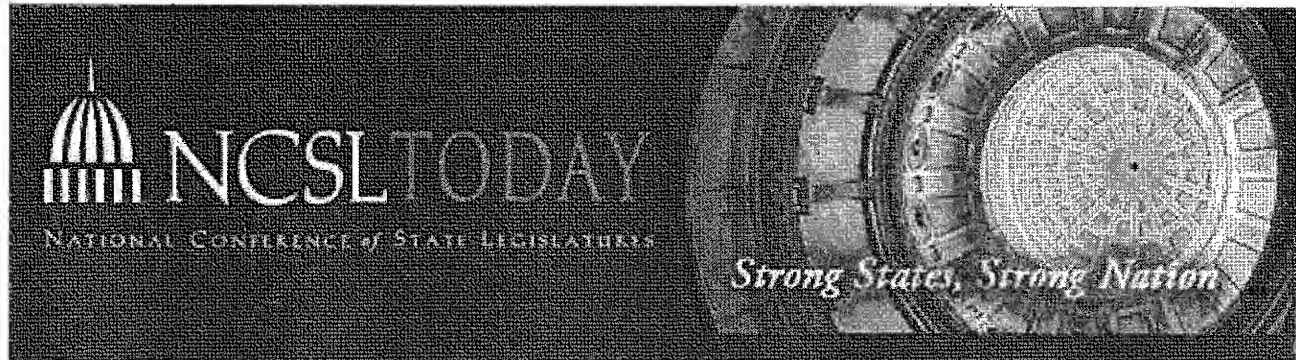
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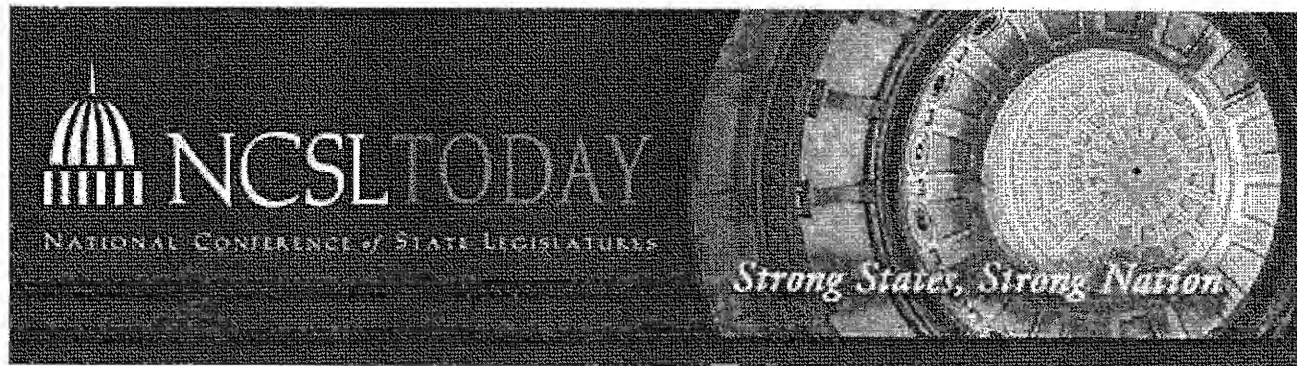
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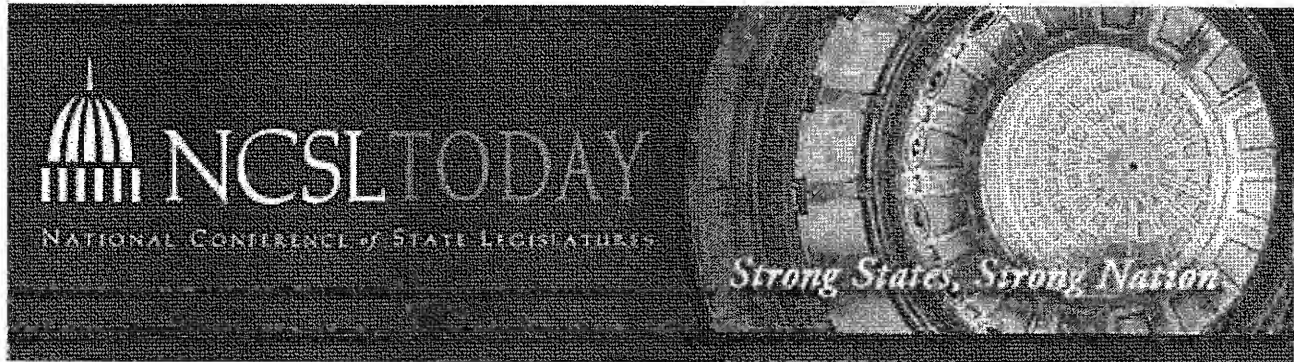
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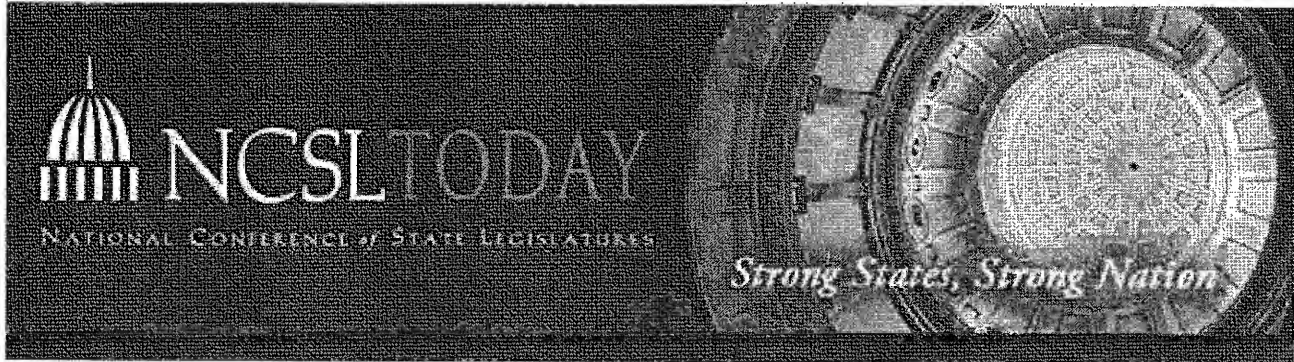
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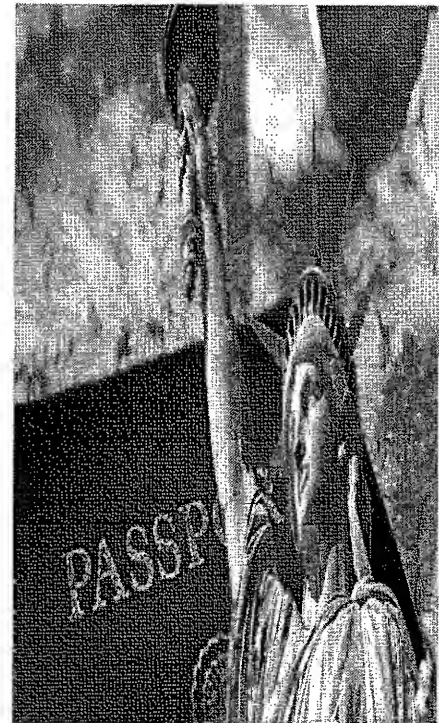
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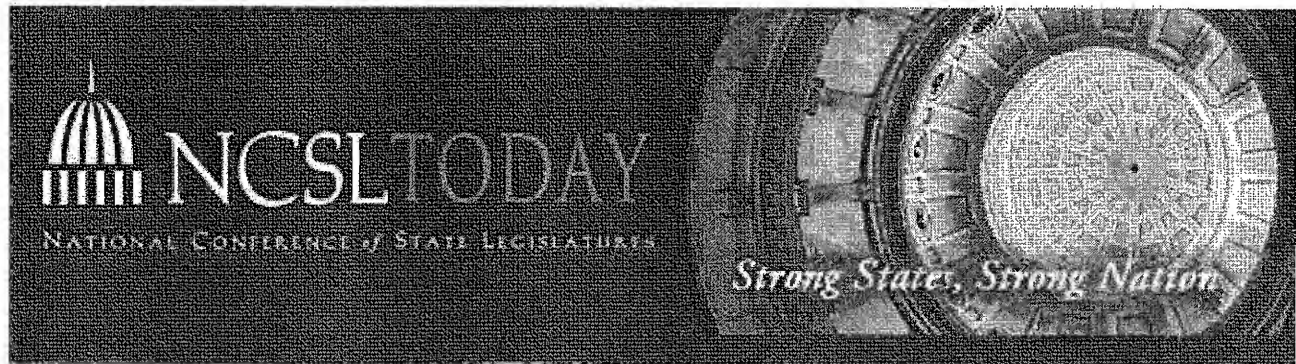
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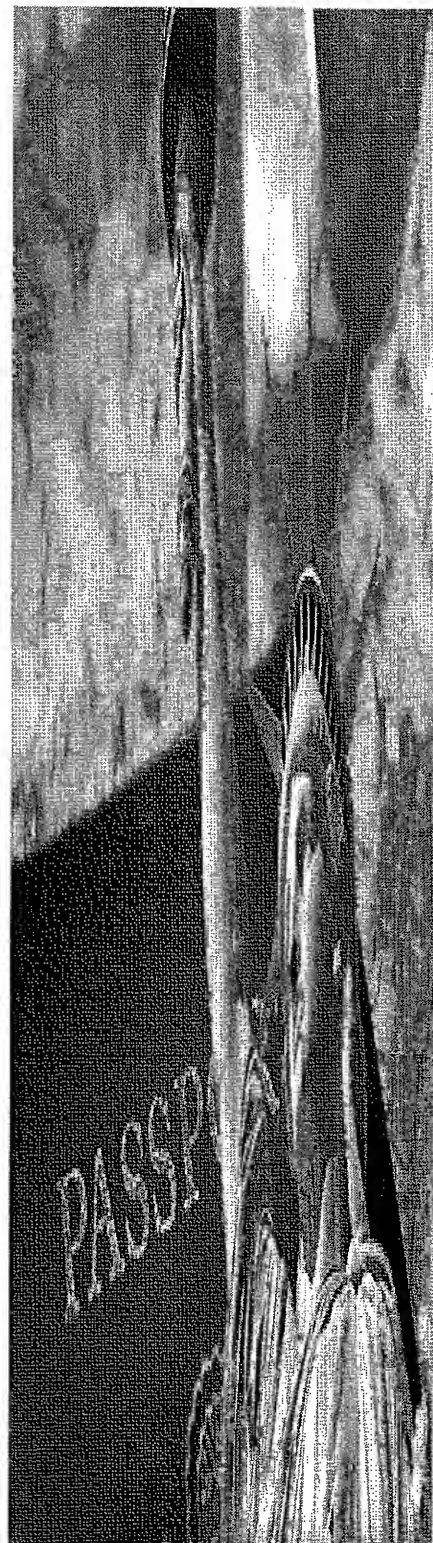
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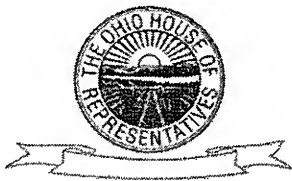
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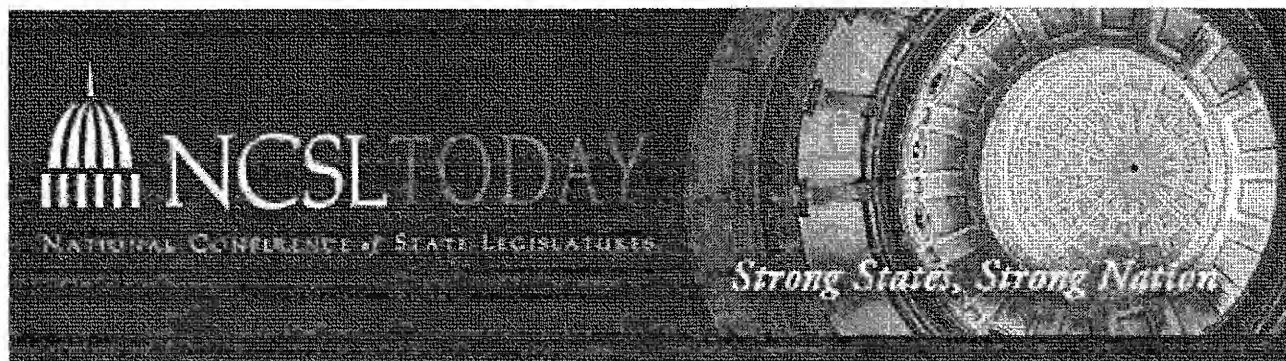
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MassLive.com

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Charleston Post and Courier

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State Net Capitol Journal

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Webinar Thursday: Are sin taxes healthy for state economies?

Pew experts will present their analysis of past revenue performance of taxes on tobacco, alcohol, gambling, and legalized

essentially businesses, which people didn't expect to live next to when they bought their residential homes.

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recreational marijuana. Plus, a further examination of states' approaches to managing nonrecurring revenue, and best practices states can adopt for each revenue type.



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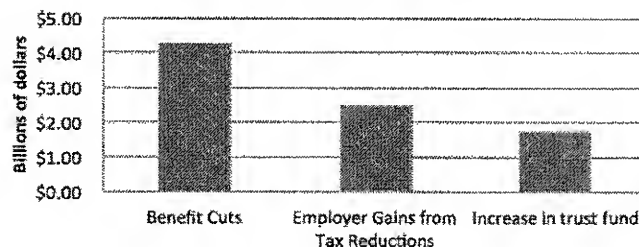
From: Policy Matters Ohio
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2016 5:24 PM
To: Myers, Marisa
Subject: Our latest e-news: Hashtags, hiring and more

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A roundup of happenings at Policy Matters Ohio.....

#Nation'sWorst - Research Director Zach Schiller exposed an egregious assault on unemployment compensation that would make Ohio's system one of the worst in the country in many ways, slashing benefits, hacking eligibility, and cutting employer taxes. Zach's and researcher Hannah Halbert's dogged reporting on House Bill 394 - the worst anti-worker bill since the SB5 attack on collective bargaining - sparked statewide news coverage. Major daily newspapers editorialized against the bill, some more than once. Our allies at Advocates for Ohio's Future and in the labor movement testified and issued phenomenal action alerts. Opponents created a hashtag #StartOver394. The backlash slowed the bill, and led lawmakers to make several amendments. But this will be a train wreck if Ohio families don't derail it.

HB 394 Funding Changes to the Unemployment Compensation System, 2017-2025



Hurting a good thing - Senior project director Wendy Patton's recent report found that provisions in the Ohio budget would reverse progress under Medicaid expansion. Expanding Medicaid has delivered health insurance to more than 650,000 Ohioans, saved money, and brought federal dollars into the state. But lawmakers are seeking a waiver from the federal government that would impose premiums and penalties on patients. This will end up causing tens of thousands to lose health-care coverage, as studies have

repeatedly found. "This will work against the good health results Ohio has seen with Medicaid expansion," Patton said.

Weatherize it - Since Ohio froze clean-energy and efficiency standards in 2014, electric utility investment in low-income home weatherization has declined by 26 percent. That's the upshot of [a recent report](#) written by Policy Matters' Amanda Woodrum, in collaboration with NextGen Climate America and Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy. Weatherization reduces the need for struggling families to seek utility payment assistance and creates jobs in Ohio's energy economy. If Ohio weatherized 30,000 homes of customers in payment-assistance programs each year for 13 years, we'd create nearly 2,400 jobs and produce roughly \$1.77 billion in savings for Ohio families.

Jobs crawling back - Job growth in Ohio continues to lag the national rate, but the last few months have brought solid gains. The state added 15,200 jobs in December, the third straight month of strong growth, our workforce researcher Hannah Halbert reports in [the latest JobWatch](#). The late-year rally followed very slow growth in 2015. But it will take many more quarters of good results to get Ohio firmly on track. We have added jobs at a rate slower than the nation's since the start of the 2007 recession. U.S. jobs have grown by 3.5 percent since then, while the Ohio rate stands at 0.6 percent.

Zombie power plants - The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio is considering forcing FirstEnergy ratepayers to subsidize two outdated, inefficient power plants that can't produce energy at competitive rates. Researcher Michael Shields [described the misguided arrangement](#) to keep the two plants in business - the coal-fired W.H. Sammis plant on the Ohio River and the Davis-Besse nuclear plant near Toledo. "It's a mistake to make First Energy customers pay for this inefficient bailout deal," Michael wrote.

Join our crew: Policy Matters is hiring an [outreach coordinator](#) now in Cleveland and recruiting people with a master's degree to take part in an amazing [state policy fellowship](#) where you could be placed in our Cleveland or Columbus office starting next fall. The fellowship application deadline is Feb. 8. Check 'em out!

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Subject: E-Clips for 2/2/2016

HOUSE E-CLIPS 02/02/16



LABOR-BACKED GROUP REMINDS OHIOANS OF UNION LAW'S DEFEAT

A labor-backed group that helped defeat collective bargaining restrictions in Ohio says it's using the five-year anniversary of the union law to remind supporters to stay active and engaged in its efforts.

OHIO SUPREME COURT HEARS INJURY LAWSUIT OVER POLICE CHASE

The Ohio Supreme Court will hear arguments in the case of a woman who sued police over injuries she suffered after a high-speed chase ended with a burglary suspect colliding with her car.

OHIO PROSECUTOR SEEKS NEW LAW ON POLICE USE-OF-FORCE PROBES

A county prosecutor in Cleveland wants the Ohio Legislature to amend state laws to allow the Ohio attorney general to present deadly police use-of-force cases to grand juries.

OHIO COURT APPROVES CLASS ACTION IN SPEED CAMERA CASE

A state appeals court approved class action status on Monday for thousands of motorists fined for speeding in a southwest Ohio village with citations issued from automatic camera enforcement.

LEGAL COSTS INVOLVING CONVICTED OHIO JUDGE COULD REACH \$1.7M

The cost of court cases brought for and against a juvenile court judge in southwest Ohio who was convicted of a felony charge after a legal battle over her election as judge could reach nearly \$1.7 million.



WITH FOCUS NOW ON NEW HAMPSHIRE, FOR KASICH IT'S DO OR DIE

Ohio Gov. John Kasich knows his presidential campaign won't survive a poor showing in next week's New Hampshire primary, and his schedule reflects it.

GROVE CITY SENDS 'PUPPY MILL' BILL BACK FOR MORE WORK

The sponsor of legislation that would have banned the sale of "puppy mill" animals in Grove City withdrew the proposal Monday night, vowing to come up with "a clean ordinance."

OHIO'S HIGHER PRESCHOOL SPENDING STILL LAGS MOST STATES

Ohio's spending on public preschool programs increased this year, like most states.

KASICH TO MAKE HEAVY PUSH IN NEW HAMPSHIRE AHEAD OF PRIMARY

It's do or die for Ohio Gov. John Kasich's presidential campaign over the next week in New Hampshire, and his schedule reflects it.

OHIO POLITICS NOW: A LOOK AT IOWA AND BEYOND TO NEW HAMPSHIRE

Now that people are finally going to start voting (or caucusing as the case is in Iowa today) we get a look at how much the presidential candidates have to get their word out to voters.

OHIO POLITICS NOW: 'THE REAL RACE BEGINS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE' KASICH CAMPAIGN SAYS

A couple of surprises from the Iowa caucuses could affect how Ohio Gov. John Kasich fares in the New Hampshire primary one week from today.

KASICH GETS MOST OF HIS CAMPAIGN CASH FROM OHIO

Ohio Gov. John Kasich may not be leading most other presidential candidates in fundraising, but he can take some comfort in the fact that he's doing far better than any of them in the state that twice elected him governor.

MARY TAYLOR COMMITTEE RAISED \$146,500 LAST YEAR

Onward Ohio, the nonprofit political organization formed by Republican Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor to elevate her visibility ahead of a potential run for governor in 2018, raised six-figures in a few months.

Dayton Daily News
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KASICH DONORS INCLUDE SCHWARZENEGGER

Former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger was among the \$2,700 donors to Republican Gov. John Kasich's presidential campaign committee, records filed with the Federal Election Commission Sunday show.

THE PLAIN DEALER

JOHN KASICH'S TEAM ON IOWA CAUCUS FINISH: 'THE REAL RACE BEGINS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE'

Ohio Gov. John Kasich had no expectations for the Iowa caucuses.

IOWA IN THE BOOKS, NEW HAMPSHIRE IS NEXT, AND JOHN KASICH IS ALREADY LOOKING TO SOUTH CAROLINA: OHIO POLITICS ROUNDUP

Iowa is done. New Hampshire is next. John Kasich smacks down his super PAC.

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES JOIN JOHN KASICH ON NEW HAMPSHIRE CAMPAIGN TRAIL: WHAT TO WATCH FOR TUESDAY

With the Iowa caucuses over, many presidential candidates will spend Tuesday in New Hampshire, including Republicans Jeb Bush, Chris Christie, Ted Cruz, Marco Rubio, and Donald Trump, as well as Democrats Hillary Clinton, Bernie Sanders.

REPUBLICAN LOBBYING FIRM OPENS CLEVELAND OFFICE, HIRES TOP CUYAHOGA GOP OFFICIAL

A Republican lobbying firm with Cleveland roots is expanding its presence here by opening a Playhouse Square office and hiring Cuyahoga County's top GOP official.

THE ENQUIRER

IOWA CAUCUS SURPRISES MAY HURT JOHN KASICH'S NEW HAMPSHIRE PRIMARY EFFORT

John Kasich gained only about 2 percentage points in the Iowa caucus Monday night, but so did his top rivals, boosting his campaign's hope for a strong showing in New Hampshire.

TWO GOPERS FEUD OVER LIQUOR CABINET

GOP challenger Courtney Combs says Rep. Wes Retherford treated the statehouse like a frat house, but the incumbent argues that one drink cabinet in his office wasn't improper.

IN NH, KASICH ADS LEAD TO ANGST

John Kasich says his rivals should follow his lead and call on the super PACs supporting them to take down negative advertisements.

THE BLADE One of America's Great Newspapers

KASICH DIGS IN FOR FINAL STRETCH IN N.H.

Gov. John Kasich has started his final week in New Hampshire, banking on a breakout performance for his presidential aspirations.

CVS TO SELL OVERDOSE ANTIDOTE TO ANYONE

Christa Lammers told a packed audience of politicians, local law enforcement, health-care workers, and substance abuse officials Monday that her brother Jeffrie Shirey, 37, was a heroin addict.

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OHIO HIGH COURT PACKS DRILLING RIGHTS IN YEARS-LONG CASE

A years-long battle over oil and gas leases ended last month when the Ohio Supreme Court upheld contract language that underpins drilling rights on thousands of properties across the state.

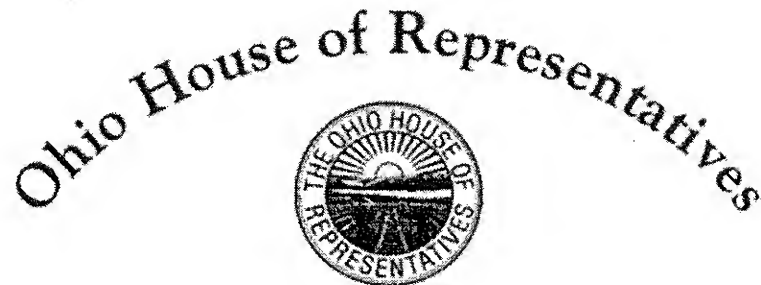
ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER HELPS KASICH CAMPAIGN WITH MAX DONATION

Republican Gov. John Kasich's presidential campaign committee and the independent organization supporting him spent \$11.4 million during the final three months of last year as part of his effort to finish among the top three contenders in next week's New Hampshire primary.

EDITORIAL: STATE LEGISLATOR BELITTLES OPPONENT

The photo caught our eye, not only because we thought it was cute, but also because it showed the dedication state Rep. Christina Hagan, R-Marlboro Township, has for her job.

From: Maxwell, Dan
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 3:28 PM
To: House_All
Subject: Request for Co-Sponsorship – Paid Parental Leave



MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members
FROM: Representative Christie Kuhns and Representative Janine Boyd
DATE: February 18, 2016
RE: Request for Co-Sponsorship – Paid Parental Leave

We will soon introduce legislation to create the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program. Beginning in 2020, the program will provide 12 weeks of family and medical leave benefits, which will permit individuals to care for a family member, bond with a new child, or address their own serious health condition.

Out of 178 countries worldwide, the United States is one of three that does not provide paid leave to new mothers. Only two states, California and New Jersey, offer paid leave to men and women who provide care. The federal Family Medical Leave Act provides 12 weeks of leave for family and medical reasons. This time is unpaid and employers with fewer than 50 employees are exempt, which eliminates a large segment of workers. Ohio should lead on the issue of paid leave to grow our economy and allow working people to put family first.

The program will be under the purview of the Department of Job and Family Services. An individual would receive leave insurance benefits for: a health condition which makes him/her unable to perform their job duties; caring for a new child during after birth, adoption, or foster care placement; caring for a child, parent, or spouse who has a serious health condition; or the individual is taking any other leave as authorized by the federal Family and Medical Leave Act. In order to be eligible for program benefits, an individual must file a claim with ODJFS; must have worked at least 680 hours during the base period; premiums

have been withheld and remitted for at least one year; and the leave must be for the above-mentioned purposes.

Once established, program benefits will be paid by assessing premiums on employees. Employers will be required to deduct and withhold premiums from employee's wages. However, an employer may opt to pay the contributions on behalf of employees.

An employee who is covered by an employer policy or collective bargaining agreement that provides the employee with greater leave than that provided by the Family and Medical Leave Act may elect not to participate in the Program in accordance with rules adopted by the Director. An employee who elects to opt out of participating in the Program is not liable for any premium or contribution that would otherwise be due under the Program.

Working people in Ohio should not have to worry about losing their job or falling behind financially just to take care of a sick child or relative; address their own serious health condition; or care for and bond with their newborn child. Ohio cities like Dayton and Cincinnati are leading on leave. By allowing working people to put their family first, we can truly make Ohio a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

If you have any questions or would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Dan Maxwell, at 466-1645 or via email at Dan.maxwell@ohiohouse.gov. **The deadline to co-sponsor is Monday February 29th at 5:00pm.**

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Fair Share is Fair

Supreme Court votes to uphold fair share fees

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Fair share is fair.

That was the finding of an equally divided U.S. Supreme Court, which today issued a one-sentence decision that upheld nearly 40 years of legal precedent and the right of public sector workers to collectively bargain.

No worker can be forced to join a union even though the benefits of a union contract extend to all the workers in the bargaining unit. Those workers who do not want to be full members pay a fair share fee. This ensures that such covered employees who receive all of the benefits of union membership pay some of the costs. Fair share covers the administrative costs of bargaining and administering the contract. Fair share fees do not include costs of political activities. In the *Friedrichs* case decided today, a small group of California teachers objected to paying their fair share and the court has rejected their challenge.

"Fair share is about basic fairness," said Zach Schiller, research director with Policy Matters Ohio. "This decision buoys the rights of working people and promotes stability in the public-workplace."

Hannah Halbert, workforce researcher with Policy Matters Ohio, added that "Ohio voters overwhelmingly defeated Senate Bill 5, legislation that would have stripped many public sector workers of their right to collectively bargain. Working people need more opportunities to have their voice heard on the job, not less."

Today's 4-4 decision upholds the finding of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and it sets no new collective bargaining restrictions for the rest of the country.

Read more about the decision on the [SCOTUS blog](#). Learn more about the impact of unions on Ohio's labor market in our [State of Working Ohio report](#).

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